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By: Amy Helms

**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**IN RE PROHIBITING THE USE OF
CAMERAS AND OTHER DIGITAL IMAGE-
CAPTURE DEVICES IN COURTHOUSE**

**GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT**

ORDER NO. 102813

THIS COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

This Order has been developed for the protection of all persons with business in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego courthouse facilities, and to ensure the safe, secure, orderly and efficient handling of proceedings and court business. This Order is consistent with California Rules of Court, rule 10.603, which vests in the Presiding Judge the responsibility of establishing policies and providing a forum for the fair and expeditious resolution of disputes.

Except as permitted by California Rules of Court, rule 1.150, General Order 010213-03, and the Juvenile Court Media Policy, no one except authorized court and court security personnel may use any camera-enabled or video-enabled device, including but not limited to, cameras, camcorders, cell phones, PDAs, tablets, iPads, iPods and watches, to take pictures or videos in any courthouse facilities or courtrooms, or to take pictures or videos of any court files or exhibits, absent written authorization from a judicial officer or the Executive Officer of the Court. However, this order does not

1 prohibit the use of portable image-capture devices, i.e., optical scanners and copy
2 machines, used solely for the purpose of imaging documents. Unless the person using
3 such a portable image-capture device is an employee of a bonded copy service
4 company, they may not remove any documents from the file.

5 Any Court staff, security personnel or peace officer who discovers that a person
6 is violating this order is directed to advise such individual orally of this order, and take
7 steps to provide the person with a copy of this order as soon as practical. Further, if the
8 person persists in violating this order despite being informed of it, or has violated the
9 order in a manner that appears to have a significant adverse impact upon Court security
10 or the fair and orderly resolution of court business, security personnel or a peace officer
11 shall remove the individual(s) from the Business Office, courtroom or other Court area,
12 as appropriate.

13 This Order shall expire on December 31, 2013, unless otherwise ordered by this
14 Court.

15 The Clerk of Court is directed to serve a copy of this Order on the San Diego
16 County Sheriff's Department.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 DATED: October 28, 2013



21 **ROBERT J. TRENTACOSTA**
22 **PRESIDING JUDGE**
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